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## CONCERT PIANIST PERFORMS

### Life at the Dorm

Life at the dorm. Yes, there is life at the dorm. Real life! With eighteen girls living in one house there is bound to be life, and plenty of it too. How much life? Well, ask the opinions of several dorm girls—they will tell you.

Life at the dorm is a varied life. There are quiet hours to be observed. They are from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and again at 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock at night. These must be observed with the following rules: be quiet, be studying, and be in your room. We try our best to obey these rules but sometimes our best isn't just what our fellow room mates and dorm mates expect of us.

Quiet hours usually end with a bang! Either a radio is turned on loud enough for all to hear or the gang gets together for some laughs. That too gets loud enough for all to hear and none to miss.

Sleeping in a dorm was one great change for all of us. Bunk beds with four or eight in a room did not help the matter along at first. Oh! We had laughs and several tantalizing characters had pillow and water fights. But we're not through with pranks yet. Indeed not! The year has just begun for the Dordt College dorm girls!

In our dorm many sounds are heard: sounds of many feet; sounds of many voices; laughing voices, happy voices, sincere voices; sounds which are thundering, deafening and ear-splitting; and, an occasional faint sound, a whisper, a hum, a buzz, a moan or a tinkle.

All these sounds blend into the one entirety which forms the atmosphere of the dorm.

We have three girls from Wisconsin, five from Iowa, five from Minnesota, four from South Dakota, and one from California. This constitutes our one big happy family.

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### The Challenge . . . (Book Nook)

by C. Christians

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Writing this column is a new experience. Many things could be changed or improved so your suggestions and criticisms are being requested. This is a time to be helpful even as it was in the case of this little joke:

Robber: "Stick 'em up—or else."

Victim: "Or else what?"

Robber: "Don't confuse me. This is my first holdup job."

This week The Reformed Journal of September, finds itself in the spotlight. The whole magazine is filled with fine literary material, but pages 21-24 contain the article of the week. It is entitled, "Toward a Distinctive Curriculum for Christian Education." Read this article to discover for yourself the many things mandatory for a God-centered institution. Is Dordt College the purest product of Reformed thinking? These pages may provide the answer.

America is certainly an interesting place. A place where a fellow can call his hogs one week and sell a million of his phonograph records the next—using the same vocal technique. For an insight into this phase of American music read the article, "The New York Jazz", found in the October 12 issue of The Saturday Review. On pages 34-39 Wilder Hobson and Nat Hentoff have explained what is going on in the jazz world of today. It should make us much more appreciative of good music.

Sometimes going to college reminds us of the teacher who had punished her boy for the fifth time the same week. When she asked the pupil what he had to say for himself, he replied, "I'm glad it's Friday. To avoid this type of atti-

### Recent Activity

Miss Margaret Barthel, an accomplished pianist, opened the seasonal concerts by rendering a captivating recital on Friday evening, October 11. Margaret is an artist to whom success came early in life, but who also has continued to build upon that success. Beginning her formal music studies at the age of five, she gave her first recital when she was eight, was soloist with the Detroit Symphony at the age of thirteen, and a year later gave a joint recital with a Metropolitan Opera star in Detroit. Unspoiled by early triumphs, Margaret Barthel continued to work diligently and was rewarded by winning the Samaroff Scholarship.

Some of her numbers were: "In Thee Is Joy," by Bach-Busoni; Sonata, Op. 27, No. 2, the three movements were, Adagio sostenuto, Allegretto, and Presto agitato, by Beethoven; Feux D'Artifice, by Debussy; Nocturne for the Left Hand, by Scriabine; Polka in F Major, by Smetana. She received nine encores.

The concerts which will follow should prove to be just as successful as the first since they will also be presented by artists in their fields.

On Thursday evening, October 10, many of the college students attended the Young Calvinist Federation Rally at Doon, Iowa. The meeting was opened with a song service lead by Bill Nibbelink. Rev. Wesley Smedes was the speaker. The theme for the rally was, "I Am Thine." The special numbers presented were a trombone solo by Mr. Hazen Brummel and a vocal duet by Janice and Theresa Jouvstra. It was a very inspirational meeting and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Carol Brink and Marlys Tebben  
Social Editors

tude, delve into some of the good literature which we have in our library.

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## HERE & THERE

by Your Roving Reporter

Recently the editor received a letter from some of our readers, stating that they thought that the gossip about the romances of the college which appeared in the preceding column of your Roving Reporter was of a high school level and not that of a college caliber. I accept this criticism very graciously and express my sincerest apology if I have offended anyone. Also I would like to encourage our readers to continue writing these letters, for only by your criticisms can we overcome our errors and achieve a high caliber paper.

Table tennis or ping-pong, whatever you prefer, has become the rising act of the season. They are now located in the commons and at your convenience, two tables, and for what I've seen, they have been in constant use. For the few who may not have had the experience of playing this game before, contact John Bolt for official rules.

The tension caused by the world series has finally subdued. Most of the students of Dordt and the Milwaukee Braves have that victorious look while Professor De Boer and the other Dordt students with the New York Yankees have that "whipped dog" appearance.

Several students have complained about the sidewalk situation at Dordt. I am sure that everything possible is being done to correct this and with a little patience on your part we will soon have improved walking facilities.

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## Spotlight on Sports . . .

The sports interest has been increasing in the past two weeks, especially with a very exciting world series just completed.

The cheerleaders have been chosen for the 1957-58 season. They are: Rosalie Engbers, Diane Duistermars, Beverly Vander Hagg, and Stephana Van Roekel. I am sure our team will have good support this year with these girls leading our cheering section.

The boys who tried out for basketball have been working very hard in the past two weeks, getting in shape for our first game. They have been practicing in the Christian School gymnasium, but now they are looking forward to practicing in our own gym. It is almost finished, and it won't be long before it will be put into use.

Our first game is November 18, against Waldorf College at Forest City, Iowa.

# -:Editorial:-

## SOLI DEO GLORIA

Carved into the stone block of the college are these three words: Soli Deo Gloria. I am sure that everyone attending this college knows what these words mean. To God alone be the glory, should be the living motto of each of us. The lives of both teachers and students should show forth the glory of God.

We as students come in contact with many people. Not only with other students and with our teachers, but with many people of the community. What impressions have we made, and what impressions are we making? This past week "Open House" was held here at Dordt. What were the impressions made by the visitors of the school and its student body? Could they see that our lives reflect the glory of God?

We have many things for which to be thankful. God has richly blessed each one of us. We have a beautiful new building with its modern facilities and numerous advantages. We have opportunity to study and learn from teachers who love and serve the Lord. We also meet many new friends and associate with other Christian young people.

As we enter whole heartedly into this school year, let us remember that each should have as his living motto-Soli Deo Gloria.

E.V.V.

## Chapel Footnotes . . . .

Monday, October 7, Prof. De Boer spoke in the absence of Rev. C. Veenstra. His speech was centered upon the text, "When the Wise are Instructed, He Receiveth Knowledge."

Tuesday, October 8, our chapel exercises were opened by Mr. De Boer, who led our song service. Heien Gesink, a sophomore, presented the message based on Matt. 7:24-29. In it she challenged us with the question, "On which ground will you build your life?"

Wednesday, October 9, we had our regular Thursday chapel activities because Rev. Ver Meer, representing Bethesda Sanatorium, was unable to come at any other time. Prof. Van Til led our song service. The message, given by Rev. Ver Meer, was based on Matt. 25:31. He presented the many openings for Christian service in Bethesda.

There was no chapel services on Thursday. We had our student activity at that time.

Cliff Christians led our song service Friday, October 11. Rev. Maselink of Orange City quoted Psalm 23 and then presented a message on the nine "V" doctrines. These "V" doctrines are based on the life of Christ; he spoke on each one briefly.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the first issue of THE DORDT DIAMOND we have decided that such as appeared in the column by the Roving Editor was not of college caliber. The gossip about the romances of the students is of high school level. We believe that this type of material will not receive due respect from our students and students of other colleges and therefore should be omitted.

Sincerely,

Dordt Diamond Readers

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## Life at the Dorm (continued)

Mom and Pop keep us well in hand and in this way all rolls smoothly on. We have a wonderful home at the dorm and if we all work hard, hand in hand, and strive for one esteemed goal, we will be able to look back with admiration on our Dordt College dorm life.

Darlene Sybesma

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